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# FBI Never Requested 'Cover-Up,' Curry Says

The head of the Dallas FBI office made public Wednesday a letter from Police Chief Jesse E. Curry denying that the FBI ever asked Curry to "cover up" the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas prior to the assassination.

Agent-in-charge J. Gordon Shanklin said the denial was made in reply to a letter Shanklin wrote to Curry Tuesday, asking that the matter be clarified.

Curry's reply, as released by Shanklin, said:

"[illegible] not any member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation asked me to "cover up" the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

"This is my reply to your letter of Oct. 13, 1964."

In his letter to Curry, Shanklin wrote: [illegible]

"Based upon a letter which you are quoted by news services as stating the President's commission on Mar. [illegible], 1964, certain information, [illegible] the news media are interpreting as indicating that I am supposed to have asked you to cover up the fact the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. I will appreciate your clarifying this matter.

"You will recall [illegible] my call to you [illegible] 22, 1963. I specifically [illegible] you retract your statement [illegible] that the FBI had interviewed Oswald [illegible] in Dallas and that the FBI [illegible] Oswald under surveillance in Dallas. I asked this retraction be [illegible]

[illegible] FBI did not have [illegible] nor did [illegible] in Dallas [illegible] ask you to "cover [illegible] FBI or otherwise [illegible]."

Shanklin, who said the letters "speak for themselves," declined comment.

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